AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A system for providing media content in a network
            comprising one or more servers configured to:
            generate an interface at a site on said network <u>for display on a user</u>
                        <u>computer</u>;
            define a set of metadata attributes relating to media files to be displayed in
                        specific locations in said interface;
            compile a plurality of media files for use with said interface;
            associate metadata attributes from the set of metadata attributes with each
                        of said plurality of media files; <u>and</u>
            map <u>each of</u> said <u>associated</u> metadata attributes to <u>a respective</u>
                        <u>predetermined location</u> ~~the specific locations~~ in said interface<u>, so</u>
                        <u>that in said interface for said user each of said associated metadata</u>
                        <u>attributes appears at its respective predetermined location in said</u>
                        <u>interface for each of said media files of said plurality</u>; ~~and~~
            ~~display the interface for a user~~.

2.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the plurality of media files
            is compiled from more than one source.

3.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the one or more servers
            are further configured to generate a media player interface for
            experiencing the media content.

4.   (Currently Amended) A system for providing media content in a network
            comprising one or more servers configured to:
            associate metadata attributes from within a defined set of metadata
                        attributes with a plurality of media files; ~~and~~
            utilize the metadata attributes to map the plurality of media files to an
                        interface<u>; and</u>

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     map each of said associated metadata attributes to a respective
         predetermined location in said interface, such that each of said
         associated ~~the~~ media attributes appears ~~appear~~ in its respective
         predetermined ~~the same~~ location in said ~~the~~ interface for each
         media file of said ~~the~~ plurality of media files.

5.   (Original) The system of claim 4 further comprising: a local database for storing
         the metadata attributes.

6.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 4 wherein the plurality of media files
         is provided by more than one source.

7.   (Currently Amended) A method of providing media content to a plurality of users
         over a network comprising:
           compiling a data file that contains one or more ~~sequentially placed~~ unique
              identifiers which identify one or more media files; ~~and~~
           determining whether a user-selectable autoplay function is engaged for a
              given one of said plurality of users;
           in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be engaged,
              determining a sequence in which said user is to experience media
              content corresponding to one or more media files based on an
              ordering of said unique identifiers in the data file; and
           in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be disengaged,
              determining the sequence in which said user is to experience media
              content corresponding to said one or more media files based on
              input from the user and without regard to the ordering of said
              unique identifiers in the data file. ~~allowing the plurality of users to~~
              ~~access the one or more media files out of sequence.~~

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8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the data file is automatically compiled based on some criteria.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein the data file is automatically compiled based on criteria chosen by one of the plurality of users.

10. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the data file is compiled manually.

11. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the one or more media files are provided by more than one source.

12. (Currently Amended) A system for providing media content to a plurality of users comprising one or more servers configured to:
    compile a data file that contains one or more ~~sequentially placed~~ unique identifiers which identify one or more pieces of content; ~~and~~
    determine whether a user-selectable autoplay function is engaged for a given one of said plurality of users;
    in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be engaged, determine a sequence in which said user is to experience media content corresponding to said one or more pieces of content based on an ordering of said unique identifiers in the data file; and
    in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be disengaged, determine the sequence in which said user is to experience media content corresponding to said one or more pieces of content based on input from the user and without regard to the ordering of said unique identifiers in the data file. ~~allow the plurality of users to access the one or more media files out of sequence.~~

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13.   (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the data file is automatically
compiled.

14.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13 wherein the data file is
automatically compiled based on criteria chosen by one of the plurality of
users.

15.   (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the data file is compiled manually.

16.   (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the one or more media files are
provided by more than one source.

17.   (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium comprising computer code
for providing content to a user over a network, the computer code to
configure one or more processors to:
compile a data file that contains one or more ~~sequentially placed~~ unique
identifiers which identify one or more pieces of content; ~~and~~
determine whether a user-selectable autoplay function is engaged for a
given one of said plurality of users;
in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be engaged, determine
a sequence in which said user is to experience media content
corresponding to said one or more pieces of content based on an
ordering of said unique identifiers in the data file; and
in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be disengaged,
determine the sequence in which said user is to experience media
content corresponding to said one or more pieces of content based
on input from the user and without regard to the ordering of said
unique identifiers in the data file. ~~allow a user to access the one or~~
~~more items of content within the data file out of sequence.~~

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18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said metadata attributes comprise a title for the media file.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said metadata attributes comprise a description for the media file.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said metadata attributes comprise a duration for the media file.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said metadata attributes comprise an expiration date for the media file.

24. (Currently Amended) A method of providing media content in a network comprising the steps of:
   generating an interface at a site on said network[,] for display on a user computer;
   authenticating said user's authorization to access certain media content;
   defining a set of metadata attributes relating to media files to be displayed in specific locations in said interface;
   compiling a plurality of media files for use with said interface, wherein said plurality of media files comprises only the user's authorized media content;
   associating metadata attributes with each of said plurality of media files, wherein the metadata attributes comprises a title for each media file; and

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mapping <u>each of</u> said <u>associated</u> metadata attributes <u>to a respective</u>
predetermined <u>location</u> ~~from the set of metadata attributes to the~~
~~specific locations~~ in said interface, <u>so that in said interface for said</u>
<u>user each of said associated metadata attributes appears at its</u>
<u>respective predetermined location in said interface for each media</u>
<u>file of said plurality;</u> ~~and~~

~~displaying user interface for said user.~~

25.   (New) A system for providing media content in a network comprising one or
more servers configured to:

generate an interface at a site on said network for display on a user
computer, said interface comprising a region to display media
content of a plurality of media files, selectable indicia
corresponding to one or more playlists, a region to display indicia
of each of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one
of said playlists, and a region to display selectable indicia of an
autoplay function configured to control an order in which each of
said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said
playlists is to be experienced using said interface;

define a set of metadata attributes to be displayed in specific location in
said interface;

compile said plurality of media files;

associate metadata attributes from the set of metadata attributes with each
of said plurality of media files;

map each of said associated metadata attributes to a respective
predetermined location in said interface, so that, in said interface
for said user, each of said associated metadata attributes appears at
its respective predetermined location in said interface for each
media file of said plurality of media files.

26.   (New) The system of claim 25, wherein said autoplay function is configured to
control whether said order in which each of said plurality of media files

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identified by a selected one of said playlists is determined based on
contents of said selected one of said playlists or based on user input.

27. (New) The system of claim 26, wherein said user input comprises selection of
one or more of said indicia of said plurality of media files identified by a
selected one of said playlists.

28. (New) A system for providing media content in a network comprising one or
more servers configured to:
  associate metadata attributes from within a defined set of metadata
    attributes with a plurality of media files;
  utilize the metadata attributes to map the plurality of media files to an
    interface for display on a user computer, said interface comprising
    a region to display media content of said plurality of media files,
    selectable indicia corresponding to one or more playlists, a region
    to display indicia of each media file identified by a selected one of
    said playlists, and a region to display selectable indicia of an
    autoplay function configured to control an order in which each
    media file identified by a selected one of said playlists is to be
    experienced using said interface; and
  map each of said associated metadata attributes to a respective
    predetermined location in said interface, such that each of said
    associated media attributes appears in its respective predetermined
    location in said interface for each media file of said plurality of
    media files.

29. (New) The system of claim 28, wherein said autoplay function is configured to
control whether said order in which each of said plurality of media files
identified by a selected one of said playlists is determined based on
contents of said selected one of said playlists or based on user input.

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30. (New) The system of claim 29, wherein said user input comprises selection of one or more of said indicia of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists.

31. (New) A method of providing media content in a network comprising the steps of:

generating an interface at a site on said network for display on a user computer, said interface comprising a region to display media content of a plurality of media files, selectable indicia corresponding to one or more playlists, a region to display indicia of each of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists, and a region to display selectable indicia of an autoplay function configured to control an order in which each of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists is to be experienced using said interface;

authenticating said user's authorization to access certain media content;

defining a set of metadata attributes to be displayed in specific locations in said interface;

compiling said plurality of media files for use with said interface;

associating metadata attributes with each of said plurality of media files, wherein the metadata attributes comprises a title for each media file;

mapping each of said associated metadata attributes to a respective predetermined location in said interface, so that in said interface each of said associated metadata attributes appears at its respective predetermined location in said interface for each media file of said plurality; and

filtering said plurality of media files based on said user's authorization to access certain media content such that said user interface includes selectable indicia for only those media files corresponding to said certain media content.

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32.   (New) The method of claim 31, wherein said autoplay function is configured to control whether said order in which each of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists is determined based on contents of said selected one of said playlists or based on user input.

33.   (New) The method of claim 32, wherein said user input comprises selection of one or more of said indicia of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists.

34.   (New) The method of claim 7, further comprising:
       determining media content other than said media content corresponding to said one or more media files for said user to experience while waiting for said user input.

35.   (New) The system of claim 12, wherein said one or more servers are further configured to:
       determine media content other than said media content corresponding to said one or more media files for said user to experience while waiting for said user input.

36.   (New) The computer readable medium of claim 17, wherein the computer code further comprises computer code to configure one or more processors to:
       determine media content other than said media content corresponding to said one or more media files for said user to experience while waiting for said user input.

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